

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Champion et al.)
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), please grant a one-month extension of time for filing a response to the above-identified application's outstanding Office action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge an extension fee of \$120, together with any further amount required for proper filing of this paper, to our Deposit Account No. 06-1448, Reference FOM-139.01.

Respectfully submitted,

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